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FRANCE (Rippsrda): Por, Liv, Edi, Nwy, Lon, Bre. (6)\* F Mid (R) Iri.

GERMANY (Ayres): Kie, Den, Hol, (3) A Par (K).

ITALY (McLenoan): Ven, Rom, Nap, Mar, Spa, Par, Bel. (7) [GM removes A Bel.] TURKEY (McGee): Ank, Con, Smy, Ser, Rum, Sev, Mos, Bud, Bul, War, Ber, StP, Swe,

Tun, Gre, Vie, Tri, Mun. (18)\* Builds A Con, A Ank, F Smy. [1 unit short of victory.]

\* - indicates one unit or build short. "Spring 1910" moves due 14 April 1975.

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ENGLAND (McCuistion): Lon, Liv, Edi, Nwy, Hol, Den, Ber, Kie, StP, Swe, Bel, Par, . Bre, Spa, Mar. (15) Builds F Edi [Not allowed - A Edi occupies center.]

FRANCE (CD): Por. (1) [GM removes F Lyo, A Tus.]

TURKEY (Beshara): Ank, Con, Smy, Bul, Gre, Sev, Rum, Bud, Ser, Vie, Tri, Ven, Mun, Rom, Nap, Mos, War, Tun. (18) Builds A Con, F Smy, F Smy. [Two F Smy!s are not allowed.

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AUSTRIA (Jordan): Bud, Vie, Mos, Rum. (4) No change.

ENGLAND (Horton); Edi, Liv, Lon, StP, Nay. (5) No change.

GERMANY (Eisen): Ber, Kie, Mun, Bel, Den, Hol, Swe, Par, Bre, War. (10) Builds A Ber.

ITALY (Bent): Nap, Rom, Ven, Tun, Mar, Spa, Por. (7) F Wes (R). TURKEY (Ayree): Ank, Con, Smy, Bul, Gre, Sev, Tri, Ssr. (8) Builds A Con, F Smy.

Dave Ayres' new address is 2214 E. 3rd, Spokane, Wash. 99202. "Spring 1908" moves are due 14 April 1975.

### 'ZINE REVIEWS

I would like to precent my view and comments regarding some of the 'zinee that come acroes my desk from time to time. This is something I have been meaning to do for a long time, but space has been the drawback. In no particular order, they

THE MASTER MACHIAVELLIAN, Vol 1, #7, ( 4 March 1975). Editor: Michael George Homeier, 238 N. Bowling Green Way, Los Angeles, Calif. 90049. Subs 12/\$2.50; game fee \$1 + sub. TMM contains articlee [this issue had one of interest to wargamers and military historians, "Das Deutschee Afrika Korps: History and Analysis"], as well as regular Diplomacy and lots of press. . well printed (spirit) and laid-out. A very good-looking new zine.

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# DIPLOMACY OPENINGS by ERIC VERHEIDEN

Certain Diplomacy openings tend to occur with an exceptionally high frequency. Typically, they offer maximum potential for occupation of neutral and enemy supply centers, as well as key spaces for attack and defence. The initial moves presented here are fairly typical but not necessarily the moet conventional. There are two openinge highlighted for each country, with commentary of sophisticated or escheric openings contained in the text.

# England

- 1. F Lon-Nth, F Edi-Nrg, A Liv-Edi
- 2. F Lon-Nth, F Edi-Nrg, A Liv-Yor

The resulting position from both openings allows for a supported convoy to capture Norway in the Fall.

Movement to Yorkshire is a conservative; defensive measure? Its purpose is to defend London should France enter the Channel. But when France is not so hostile, it restricte England to convoy via the North Sea and reducee offensive capabilities towards the Continent. While A Liv-Yor is a superior defense, the effort is usually wasted eince France eeldom attempte to occupy the Channel initially: in that unlikely happenstance, a better defense ie F Lon-Eng.

There are numbrous merits in maneuverability by movement to Edinburghs (1) Even if London is threatened, F Nth may convoy A Edi-Lon to defend, though F Nth-Lon is preferred. (2) A Edi may be convoyed to Norway or the Continent. (3) F Nth or F Nrg may be free to pursue gains elsewhere.

### France

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2. F Bre-Mid, A Par-Bur, A Mar-Spa

Either opening permits occupation of both Spain and Portugal in 1901. Barring the English etab of F Lon-Eng, France gets two builds, unless Italy enters Piedmont, and there ie the additional potential of snatching Belgium. Better defense against the danger of F Lon-Eng is moving Parie to Picardy or Gascony. In the former instance, France is unable to properly defend Marceilles against Italy; in the latter instance, France barters away prerogatives to Belgium; and in both instances, coping with German penetration into Burgundy is precarious.

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France is an innately difficult country to destroy. Even with a modicum of aid, France is capable of holding Portugal, Spain and Marseilles against a combined English-German thruet. Since the Eastern Powers rightly fear intrusion into the Mediterranean by the Western Powers, France usually expects aseistance against such opprecion.

Ordering A Mar S A Par-Bur is preferred, insuring success. It gives France three options: A Eur-Bel, A Eur-Mun, A Bur-Mar. But Belgium is the goal.

A Mar-Spa is customarily made with the intention of taking Portugal in the Fall combined with F Mid-Spa (sc). This is dangeroue because it isolates A Por for a year. But it'e also rewarding when there is a strong German alliance and no threat from England or Italy, for France builds fleets in Marseilles and Breat in a sharp lunge against Italy or England. With these moves, Italy is especially vulnerable and the most decirable prey. raj er en en statistisk i ka A Committee of the State of the

## Germany

- 1. A Mun-Ruh, F Kie-Den, A Ber-Kie
- 2. A Mun-Ruh, F Kie-Hol, A Ber-Kie

man and was the first transfer It ie Germany's unique displeasure of being immediately subject to encroachment by every country except Turkey. Because of this hazard, the German position is indefinately tenuous. Too often German players assume the mantle of Holy Roman Emperors when they should exude the gentility of a Prince Consort. And just as often France and England fail to capitalize on the strategic position of Germany in being able to pounce upon Italy and Austria.

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Russia is a natural ally for Germany. Their interests mesh. In the long term, if Gsrmany establishes a rapport whereby England battles in Scandinavia without overly embroilling Germany, and if Germany also swings Francs against Italy, Germany merely nibbles here and there. This security on Germany's western flank permits a healthy consolidation of power.

Because Germany is a house of cards, it must probs with discretion. Thus, F Kie-Den preserves the option of bouncing Russia in Sweden on the Fall move, or supporting Russia in Sweden subsequently.

While F Kie-Hol is Germany's best bet for three builds in 1901, the units are awkwardly placed. Three builds are bound to make too many neighbors unhappy and the Emperor may find himself playing solitare with his cards. Servery a grant to the servery of the

### <u>Italy</u>

1. F Nap-Ion, A Ven-Tyr, A Rom-Ven

2. F Nap-Ion, A Ven-Pie, A Rom-Ven

Either opening may be used to launch or anti-Archive. Either opening may be used to launch an anti-Austrian offsnsive. Such offensives are currently somewhat out of yogus; however, it is admittedly difficult to find an alternative offering the same changes for early, significant growth. AND THE STATE OF T

Advancing to Tyrolia is surer of success by putting two Italian units on Trieste with a threat to dewaltz Vienna. Add, cooperation from a Russian army in 

Galicia, then the tarentella pervades the Balkans. And not to be overlooked is the vantage point from Tyrolia to Munich, a kind of lover's leap, especially with Burgundian propinguity.

Bsing poissd in Piedmont is interestingly-intriguing: In protecting Marssillss, Francs may be deprived of Spain while the subble purpose may be surreptitious stalking of A Ven-Tri, A Pie-Tyr in the Fall.

Stratogically, Italy must prevent the formation of a Russo-Turkish alliance after the fell of Austria. Otherwise, the Italian player merely inherite the unfortunate position of the late, unlamented enemy as the Russo-Turkish steamfoller presses over Italy's newly won centers.

Fashion recently tends towards A Ven holds, A Rom-Apu, F Nap-Ion. Its aim is to convoy A Apu-Tun and eventually to Turksy, or occasionally Austria. This stratagem is delicate and damgerous. Success requires extensive allied cooperation plus decisive dispatchment of the enemy.

# Austrià

- 1. F Tri-Alb, A Eud-Ser, A Vie-Tri
- 2. F Tri-Alb, A Bud-Ser, A Vie-Gal

F Tri-Alb, A Bud-Sor has become so standard for Austria as to be almost automatic. The reason is that it almost guarantees occupation of Serbia and Greece -- giving Austria two most welcome builds -- with A Ser S F Alb-Gree.

This leaves A Vie to bear the burden of offense and defense. If Austria is unsure of Italy and/or wishes to avoid offending any neighbors, A Vie-Tri is acceptable. But while in general thie is safer defensively against Italy, it lacks offensive merit. What the move to Trioste hopes to attain is to discourage an Italian attack by making it less profitable, at least in the short term.

Invariably, Austria expects to fight sither Russia or Turkey: Italy on top of sither of those two is just too much of a combination for Austria to resist. Thus, Austria is committed to detente with Italy. This preferably involves a fighting alliance, or minimally a non-aggression pact sesing to it Italy is committed to move against Francs or Germany.

When Austria is not overly concerned about an Italian attack but ie worried about Russia, A Vie-Gal ie a knockout. Thie ie also a virtual mandatory first step in an anti-Russian offensive since A Gal is capable of plucking Warsaw, Rumania or even Ukraina. More often than not, A Vie-Gal is stood off by Russia's A War-Gal. The resultant poeition is superior defensively against a potential sneak incursion by Italy.

### Russia

- a 1. F StP (sc)-Bot, F Sev-Bla, A War-Gal, A Mos-Ukr
- 2. F StP (sc)-Bot, F Sev-Bla, A War-Gal, A Mos-StP

Ruedia's traditional first year gains are Sweden and Rumania. The northern fleet usually goes to Sweden, although if the German High Command is hostile, F Bot may sometimes be profitably-deployed in the Baltic in the Fall, often giving

Germany no end of trouble.

In the south, immediate loss of the Black Ssa to the Turks throws Russia on the defensive, giving up any chance of holding Rumania and often eventually : . . Sevastopol en route to disastsr. Conssquently, Russia usually plays it eafs and sends F Sev-Bla in the Spring. Assuming, as is typical, this move bounces a similar Turkish move of F Ank-Bla, there are Fall options for F Ssv: (1) use in gaining Rumania, and (2) a repost of the Spring maneuver. Putting a fleet in Rumania is tantamount to criminal nsgligence but it is done all too often.

Movement of A War-Gal is probably Russia's etrongest move, although ths Austrians may voice certain objections since Galicia is within the domain of the Austro-Hungarian Empire. If not anti-Austrian in thrust, A Gal may happilygallop to Rumania, often with support of A Ukr and sometimes F Sev. Otherwise, if A Gal is part of an anti-Austrian offensive, Ruesia enjoys a guessing game over Vienna and Budapest in the Fall.

An army in Ukraina is useful besides aiding in capturing Rumania. The Ruesian player may wieh to send F Ssv-Bla, A Ukr-Sev, covering Sevastopol from potential Turkish attack from Armenia.  $(\mathcal{A}^{(1)} = \{ (\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{A}}, \mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{A}}) : (\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{A}}, \mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{A}}) \in \mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{A}} : (\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{A}} = \mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{A}}) : (\mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{A}} = \mathcal{A}_{\mathcal{A}}$ 

Sending A Mos-StP is definitely anti-English since it threatens Norway and forces the English to support an attack on Norway to insure success. Knowing England cannot be denied Norway, a clever Russian just may order A StP-Fin, freeing St. Petersburg for a build, usually a North Coast fleet, in preparation for the coming attack on Norway and general anti-English offensive. and the second second second

# Turkey ....

- 1. F Ank-Bla, A Con-Bul, A Smy-Con
  - 2. F Ank-Bla, A Con-Bul, A Smy-Arm

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The most valuable piecs of real estate in the eastern sphere, if not the entirs board, is the Black Sea. For Turkey to occupy it is death to Russia. While Russian dominance of the Black in 1901 stunts Turkey, Russian capability of retaining the Black thereafter is less likely than the ability of the Turks. Thus, F Ank-Bla, albeit usually unsuccessful, is anticipated.

Whenever Turkey is convinced of Russian friendship, the initial launch of A Con-Bul, F Ank-Con, A Smy holds is not only splended deployment for ultimats rewards but provides Turkey with substantive defense against Ruseian treachery. In such circumstances, it is unreasonable for Russia to move to the Elack, just as it is improper for Turkey to importune Ruseia for admittance to the Black. The intended Turkish Fall moves are: A Bul-Gre, F Con-Aeg, A Smy-Con. Those with a weak heart, bleeding ulcers, cirrhosis of the liver, and sundry allments should consult a physician prior to adopting the tactics suggested in thie paragraph. Even the healthy should have a thorough physical examination by a reputable internist, and consultation with an analyst is not to be shrugged off.

So back to the selected openings. Once occupied, Bulgaria supported by A Con is nicely secure for the first year at least, even from combined Austro-Russian bombardment. Fall movement of A Bul-Gre creates problems for Austria whenever A Ser is detailed to defend against Russia or Italy. And when inclined, the Ottoman military is hellish against Russia, especially when Austria is an ally, 

with A Smy-Arm being de rigusur.

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From Armenia, a Turkish army poses innumerable imponderables for Russia. The Russian puzzle is to put an army in Rumania plus keeping Turkey out of the Black Sea and Sevastopol. If either Italy or Austria is assisting Turkey, the Russian colossus is cut. But with support from Italy or Austria, the behamoth should not bleed for long, unless there is simultaneous lashing from a western power.

Sending A Smy-Con is essentially neutral. It is least antagonistic towards Russia, though there are tactical ramifications in conjunction with Austria designed to undo the Tsar. Customarily, though, the systemal intention of this move is to set-up an army train into the Balkans with Italian and/or Russian support.

### NEWS RELEASE

TURNABOUT, published by Peter A. Berggran, Davistown Schoolhouse Road, Orford, N.H. 03777, is the finest new journal — content, reproduction, presentation and literary merit — I've seen since stumbling into the hobby. It looks like Xerox but am told it is actually a combination of computer and photo. And a cover using four colors is planned. Suitable photographs or paintings are being sought. TURNABOUT will become a collector's item and since it is only in its seventh issue, I urge your readers to get all back issues so they will have a complete set. The subscription rates are 10/\$2.00 and there are limited opanings in

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SPECULUM ie publiehed by Dave Kadlecek, 1447 Sierra Crsek Way, San Jose, Calif. 95132, and ie available 10/\$2. It carries both regular and variant Diplomacy, as well as soms of the best "zine reviews" around.

DIPPY ie published by Jim Bsnss, 16W450 Honsysuckle #112, Hinsdale, Ill. 60521, available as a supplement to "The Sunday Western Star-Poet-Free Prees," a 'zine for members of the "staph" of WBBM radio in Chicago. WBBM is an all-news and commentary radio station, which I happen to like to listen to myeelf (I can't abide their anti-gun stand, but acide from that it's a welcome change from the drivel coming from the rest of the radio spectrum). Write to Jim for subs. na akhili kuman a atibudi ng pa

DIPLOMACY WORLD, edited by Walt Buchanan, RR #3, Lebanon, Indiana 46052 finally arrived here, and it was better than I expected. It is available at \$3/year (6 issuee). Well printed (offsst), and with lots of articles but no games opened. Carried Wall Carry Co. Part S.

ADAG ie a nice little 'zine, but Hal doesn't wænt subs so I won't give him a plug.

Maybe I'll get around to some more 'zinee next time....

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"Fall 1907"	TDA #1		R-9
	AUSTRIA (Rotsr):		
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AUSTRIA (Roter): Bud, Vie, Gre, Ser, Bul, Rum, War, Ank, Con, Smy, Ven, Tri. (11)
Build 2.

ENGLAND (Ripperda): Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy, Swe, Den, StP, Moe, Sev, War, Hol. (11) Build 2.

FRANCE (Ayres): Bre, Mar, Par, Bel, Mun, Por, Kie, Spa, Ber, Møl. (9) Remove 1. ITALY (Huff): Nap, Rom, Vel. Tun, Irl. (3)

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# "Winter 1906"

### TDA #2

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ENGLAND (Verheiden): Edi, Liv, Nay, Lon, Swe, Kip, Den. (?) Reflèves F Hel. FRANCE (Holmes): Bre, Mar, Par, Por, Spa, Bel, Mun, Hol. (8) Builds F Mar. ITALY (Hyatt): Nap, Rom, Ven, Tun, Gre, Ser, Tri, Bul. (8) Builds A Rom, F Nap. RUSSIA (Ripperda): Moe, StP, War, Ber, Rum, Bud, Vie, Sev. (8) Builds A War, A Moe. TURKEY (Lariton): Ank, Con, Smy, (3) No change.

"Spring 1907" movee are due 14 April 1975.

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"Winter 1906"

# TDA #4

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ENGLAND (Cleaveland): Edi, Den. (2) No change.

FRANCE (Roter): Bre, Mar, Par, Por, Spa, Bel, Lon. (7) Removee F Nrg. GERMANY (Ayres): Ber, Kie, Hol, Mun. (4) No change.

ITALY (Sidor): Nap, Rom, Ven, Tun, Tri, Vie, Bud. (7) Builde A Rom.

RUSSIA (Stehle): Mos, StP, War, Swe, Nwy, Liv, Sev. (7) Builds A Mos, A War-TURKEY (Smith): Ank, Con, Smy, Bul, Ser, Gre, Rum. (7)\*\* F Tri (M), F Adr (M).

"Spring 1907" moves are due 14 April 1975. Dave Ayres' address ie on page 2.

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### "Spring 1907" TDA #5 R-13 ITALY (Ayres): GERMANY (Sidor): RUSSIA (Hollingeworth): A Vie-Tri A Liv-Yor A Bel-Pic F Edi holds and the second second F Swe holde A Bud-Sum [Dielodged] F Bla-Bul (ec) A Pie-Ven A Bur (S) A Bel-Pic F Tue-Pie A Moe-Ukr A Mun (S) A Bur A Tyr (S) A Boh F Ion-Adr A War-Sil A Gal-Bud F Gre-Bul (sc) A Boh (S) A Tyr A Sev (S) TURKISH A Rum A Ser (S) F Gre-Bul (sc) F Eng-Mid A Bul-Con TURKEY (Roter): F Aeg (S) A Bul-Con FRANCE (Lanham): NMR F Eas-Smy A Ank (S) F Con A Bre A Smy (S) A Ank A Par A Rum (S) RUSSIAN A Gal-Bud A Mar F Con (S) RUSSIAN F Bla-Bul (ec) A Spa F Nth F Por

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"Fall 1906"	TDA #6	R-14
GERMANY (Grabar):	RUSSIA (Msasel):	AUSTRIA (McKeon):
A Mun (R) Boh-Gal A Ruh-Kie	F Wal (R) Iri-Mid [Dislodged F Nth holds	l] F Tun-des F Jon-dun
FRANCE (Andsrson):	F Den (S) F Nth	F Alb-Ion
F Lon-Nth F Edi (S) F Lon-Nth F Wal-Iri F Liv (S) F Wal-Iri A Par-Bur A Bel (S) A Hol A Hol (S) A Bel SUPPLY CENTER CHART:	F Tyr (S) AUSTRIAN F Tun-Wes A Kie holds A Ber (S) A Kie A Mun holds A Nwy holds Underlinsd moves do not succ	A Rom-Vsn A Tri holds A Tyr (S) RUSSIAN A Mun A Bud holds A Rum holds
AUSTRIA (McKeon): Bud, Tri, No change. FRANCE (Anderson): Bre, Mar, GERMANY (Grabar): Kié, Man. RUSSIA (Meacel): Mce, Sev, S (13) Build 2.	Par, Spa, Bel, Por, Lon, Liv	v, Edi, Hol. (10) No changs
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556	Monte Zelazny	5	5.000	9
544	Ron Kelly	3	4.900	9
544	Andrew Phillips	10	12.517	23
542	Randy Bytwerk	6	6.500	12
541	Doug Beyerlein	10	11.900,	22
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488	Peter Rosamilia	3	3.900	8
473	Tim Tilson		3,783	. 8
353	Jeff Power		4.583	13
321	John Smythe		8.333	26
320	Jeff Key		3.200	10
306	Lenard Lakofka		6.117	20
293	Eugene Prosnitz	6	6.450	22
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"A Rating Survey" was initiated in 1974 at the behest of John Beshara, Chairman of the Board of TDA. It is based upon an idea first put forth by Richard Miller in his article "Fallacies of Ratings and Polls," published in Wazir No. 4. Richard Miller's idea was later modified by Brenton Ver Ploeg for his Averaged Calhamer Point Count Rating.

The number listed under "Points" is the Calhamer point count where only wins and draws are tabulated: Winners receive 1 point; in a draw, the point is divided among the surviving players. The "Averaged Scere" is computed by dividing the number of "Points" by the number of "Games Rated," omitting decimals. Winning 1 of 7 games is average with an "Averaged Score of 143. To insure a meaningful statistical sample, a minimum of seven "Games Rated" is required.

The Survey was originally calculated from indirect sources. Recently, an entirely new data base was compiled where each Boardman Number assigned is listed sequentially. If the game is rated, the names of all players to be included in "Games Rated" is listed, with an asterisk placed next to the name of a player earning "Points." For unrated games, a notation indicates the reason, for example, abandoned, 5-man.game, etc. From this master list, an index cand as prepared for each player with a minimum of one "Point." The individual cands list the Boardman Number of the player's rated games, the country played and the

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THE DIPLOMACY ASSOCIATION'S basic policy is to rate all games except in extreme caess. These latter include all games with fewer than seven players, games with inter-face play, team games and those with grose rule irregularities. Final decisions on the admissibility of games are made by the International Rating Commission of TDA, whose members are Eric Verheiden (Commission Chairman and TDA Director), Richard Miller (TDA Director) and Robert Lipton (publisher of MIXUMAXU GAZETTEM. As a retult of TDA'e liberal policy towards rating games, many players may find their Survey score higher than on other rating lists with arbitrary and often subjective criteria for derating games.

Questions on individual games should be referred to a member of the International Rating Commission. Questions on a player's Survey score should be referred to John Bsshara -- kindly include a list of games completed and final results, as inevitably srrors may be present in the compiled data.

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